

**Amendments to the Specification**

- 1) Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, below the above-inserted title:

This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a) and (b) 1 to French application No. 03 03157, filed March 14, 2003, and French application No. 03 11263, filed on September 25, 2003, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

- 2) Please replace the following subtitle at page 1, line 5, with the following:

**~~Technological background~~ Background**

- 3) Please replace the subtitle at page 4, line 23, with the following:

**~~Summary of the invention~~**

- 4) Please replace the subtitle at page 5, line 24, with the following:

**~~Detailed description of the present invention~~ Description of Preferred Embodiments**

- 5) Please add the following paragraph to page 27, line 13:

It will be understood that many additional changes in the details, materials, steps and arrangement of parts, which have been herein described in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific embodiments in the examples given above.

- 6) Please delete the 31<sup>st</sup> page in its entirety.

- 7) Please replace the subtitle at page 28, line 1, with the following text:

**~~CLAIMS~~ What is claimed is**

- 8) Please insert the following subtitle and text to new page 31, line 1:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A composition and its method of production. This composition includes both an oily external phase and a gelled aqueous phase, wherein the aqueous phase is 60 to 98% by weight of the total composition.

Additional features of the composition include the aqueous phase containing a polyelectrolyte in which the ionic sites are combined with their counterions. The oily phase of the composition contains one or more oils and also an emulsifying system with a lipophilic nature.

The composition may be utilized in the following applications:

- cosmetic,
- pharmaceutical,
- veterinary, or
- detergent preparations.